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## **SANBAG seeks consultants to assist with Rail to Redlands**

SAN BERNARDINO- SANBAG seeks consultants to assist with Rail to Redlands. Over the last four years, SANBAG has taken steps to move forward with implementing a commuter rail service on the Redlands branch line. The "Redlands Passenger Rail Project" (RPRP) encompasses an approximately nine-mile corridor extending east from the San Bernardino Transit Center already in construction in the City of San Bernardino at Rialto and E Streets.

On September 29, 2014, a public hearing was conducted on the Environmental Impact Statement and the Environmental Impact Report where public comment was requested. The public comment period also ended on that day. Following the comment period, SANBAG's consultant addressed the comments received. The project's environmental documents now pend FTA approval.

A SANBAG Board of Directors meeting was held on February 4, 2015, to discuss the status of the Rail to Redlands project. Since the environmental approval process is nearing its completion, SANBAG has requested proposals from consultants interested in assisting with performing final design services and proposals from consultants interested in assisting with program management services. Full details about the general project objective and the scope of work can be found at <http://sanbag.ca.gov/projects/redlands-transit.html>.

"I am pleased the project continues to move forward. We are one step closer to bringing rail service into the City of Redlands," Supervisor Ramos, who was also present at the Board of Directors meeting, stated. "The Rail to Redlands Project will not only improve County of San Bernardino's infrastructure but also attract more visitors to our communities."

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